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## WHERE OFFICES CHASED THE MEN.

The men who decline Federal offices these days are coming to make quite a distinguished galaxy. When so many are anxious for public places it is not without interest to look at the other side of the shield. The list of public offices declined since Mr. Taft was elected President is already quite large.

There were two distinguished declinations of the Treasury portfolio. First Senator Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, then a Representative, now a Senator in Congress, concluded that he could not accept the proffer. It was made at a time when he was in the thick of a fight for an election to the Senate and subsequently the offer was withdrawn by Mr. Taft. Later the portfolio was tendered, at least informally, to George M. Reynolds, a big Chicago banker. He finally concluded he could not accept, and the directors of his bank gave him a fine/increase in salary, so that he is now said to be earning \$50,000 a year from the bank alone. In contrast with Mr. Reynolds' case is that of Charles Dyer Norton, who is going to Washington as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. He is understood to be making \$50,000 a year in salary as an official of a life insurance company. The Chicago banks have been reaching out after Mr. Norton, because of his knowledge of banking, to which he has given much study. He has accepted an office in the Treasury Department, however, at \$4500 a year. It is understood that he will not relinquish his connection entirely with the insurance company.

Only a few days ago Solicitor-General Henry M. Hoyt of the Department of Justice was offered a position by President Taft, his classmate at Yale, as United States Circuit Judge for the district that includes Pennsylvania. Mr. Hoyt is about to retire from the position of Solicitor of the Department of Justice, which he has held for several years. It is the office that ranks next to the Attorney-General in importance. But Mr. Hoyt insists that he wants to go back home and practice law. There are very few lawyers who would turn down an offer of a circuit judgeship, which ranks in importance next to a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

As a matter of fact, it is believed that a place on the Supreme Bench of the United States is ahead of Mr. Hoyt, who has made an enviable record for himself. His father was Governor of Pennsylvania, and the son is favorably known to the legal profession from Maine (where he spends his summers) to California.

Some good diplomatic places, that many a Republican would grab at, have been turned down. One of the first diplomatic offers that President Taft made was to the retiring Assistant Secretary of State, Hon. John Callan O'Laughlin. He had been a great favorite with President Roosevelt, since the days when the latter was Assistant Secretary of the Navy and "Cal" was a reporter around the Navy Department. Mr. Taft offered Mr. O'Laughlin the position of Minister to the Argentine Republic, where the salary is \$12,000 a year, but the offer was declined, because Mr. O'Laughlin preferred more lucrative employment nearer home.

There are dozens of distinguished Republicans who would give their very eyes for appointment as ambassador to some foreign court. They subscribed liberally, in some instances, to the campaign fund. Many of these aspirants are very wealthy people, who desire the social honors that attach to the ambassadorial office. One very wealthy man, however, has refused an important diplomatic post. He is Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry. President Taft wanted to make him Ambassador to St. Petersburg, one of the most desirable of our foreign missions. Mr. Newberry would have liked to continue as Secretary of the Navy, but he does not care to serve the government as an ambassador at a salary of \$17,500 per annum.

It is generally understood that an ambassador or minister must spend more than he earns, but there are some exceptions to that general rule. There are two or three posts where one can save some money. The legation at Buenos Ayres is one of them; the embassy at Tokio is another. That may have something to do with the great desirability of the Tokio mission in recent years. A number of comparatively poor men have aspired to it. The Mexican embassy is said to be rather desirable for the same reason.

## THE TAXING OF BACHELORS.

Representative Long's suggestion that the revenue of the Territory might be helped out by taxing the bachelors is an idea that is also being advocated in some of the Eastern States and also in England, where the Chancellor of the Exchequer is thinking of reviving in a modified shape the old bachelor tax. In Bulgaria a law taxing unmarried men is now in force.

Such a tax existed in England from May 1, 1695, to August 1, 1706, during which period every unmarried man had to pay an impost graduated according to his station in life. This ranged from \$63 in the case of dukes and archbishops down to 25 cents in the case of those scheduled as "other persons." "Gentlemen" had to pay \$1.50, esquires and doctors of divinity, law and physic, \$6.50, and sergeants at law \$19.

Benedicts were penalized, too, as well as bachelors. A duke or an archbishop was ordained to pay \$250 when he married, \$150 when his eldest son was born, \$125 when every younger son was born, \$150 when his eldest son was married, \$250 when his wife was buried, and \$150 when his eldest son was buried. From these penalties there were gradually decreasing imposts down to the rank of a "gentleman," who had to pay \$5.50 when he married, the same amount when any son was born, and \$6 if he had the misfortune to bury either his wife or his son.

Doctors of divinity, law and physic were not encouraged to marry, as the marriage tax in their case was \$25.50, but, having married, they were let off as cheaply as "gentlemen," except as regards burials, when they had to pay \$26.

## IS THERE A TYPEWRITING "GRAFT"?

The veiled insinuations of members of the House of Representatives on the floor of the House on Saturday during the debate concerning the salary and the work of the official stenographer and the more open remarks made in the lobbies after the debate have induced a suspicion in the public mind that all is not well. It is claimed that the Speaker applied the gag rule to shut off the debate when members of the House opposed to his rulings regarding the stenographer started to carry the war into the other camp and ask questions regarding various House employees. Since the debate on Saturday, there has been much discussion concerning the "typewriting and translation graft" and the excessive amounts said to be made by those sharing in the Legislature spoils. A story is in circulation concerning a two hundred and fifty dollar bill paid for a stenographic report of one committee meeting, and it is probable that before the session closes there will be some further questioning along the lines of Saturday's discussion.

One point stands clear in the whole matter, however, and that is that the "graft" referred to by Speaker Holstein is much less this session than in any of the previous ones. It is a fact that the Speaker has refused to sanction several of the claims made; Representative Castro, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, has also stood between the treasury and those grabbing, and that Secretary Mott-Smith, the Federal disbursing agent, has likewise turned down a number of claims.

## THE ABE CASE.

Great is the letter of the law and the prophet of technicalities. In what other department of life but that of the courts of justice would it be considered anything but the height of stupidity to go to the expense of bringing a man here from a foreign country and then calling everything off because someone made a clerical error? If a mistake was made in the Abe papers, why was not the mistake rectified? If the law is such that the mistake could not be fixed, why is the law itself not fixed? The Abe case is a glaring example of the lack of common sense that prevails in the conduct of the average court trial. No one has any doubt that the man who swindled Honolulu merchants out of a large sum of money was in the prisoner's dock to answer for his crime on this occasion, yet the fact that a mistake in some papers was made—something that had absolutely nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of the prisoner—was considered a logical reason for letting him go unpunished and beyond the reach of punishment.

Great is the letter of the law!

Last summer the people of Bermuda conducted a big advertising campaign concerning the delights of wintering in their land. As a result it is estimated that eight thousand five hundred tourists from the Eastern States visited Bermuda last winter, four times as many as came the winter before. Yet there are some people who think the kind of advertising done by the Hawaii Promotion Committee is thrown away and that it shows some sort of business sense to curtail the amount allowed the committee upon which to work.

## GENERAL BOOTH.

Saturday marked the eightieth anniversary of the birth of General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, a man who ranks worthily as one of the great men of the world, and the event is celebrated around the globe, wherever there are Christian people. His has been a life lived for the benefit of others; his has been a work for mankind, without limitations of color, class or creed, and the Christianity preached by the thousands of his followers has been that of practical men dealing with mankind in the rough, the bringing of the truths of Christianity down to the understanding of the man in the gutter, the waif on the street, the woman without hope. The leaders of the world today pay honor to this man and honor themselves in doing so.

The California Promotion Committee announces that plans are crystallizing whereby large colonies of farmers may be brought to California by new methods and placed on lands, thus securing several hundred families of thrifty people in the agricultural districts. This is respectfully referred to the Hawaiian Board of Immigration.

Ex-President Castro, who has been flying around from perch to perch at the request of the various nations, announces that he wants to go now to the Canary Islands. He ought to. That sounds like the proper place for a bird like him, although it is unlikely that he can feather a nest there as well as he did in Venezuela.

## C. M. COOKE STARTS CHURCH BUILDING FUND

The official board of the Methodist church met in special session yesterday in order to acknowledge the gift of \$5000 from Hon. Charles M. Cooke towards the erection of a new church building, which will be undertaken just as soon as the funds are available. The present building has grown too old and very inadequate to the needs of the congregation. It is decided to rebuild in a different location, possibly somewhere in the vicinity of Thomas Square, at a cost of \$35,000. Revs. John T. Jones, the pastor, and Superintendent John W. Wadman were appointed a committee to solicit funds for the same just as soon as possible.

## FIFTY BALES OF TOBACCO NOW READY FOR MARKET

Fifty bales of tobacco, averaging 150 pounds to the bale, has been produced and prepared for shipment by Jared G. Smith on his Kona tobacco plantation. Some of the product has already been marketed and the remainder will no doubt find a ready market, as the samples sent out last February were pronounced of the very best quality.

Mr. Smith is in Honolulu at present and will return to Kona shortly. The present crop has been gratifying in all respects, and on his return he will commence adding to the acreage. Possibly fifty acres more will be planted in tobacco, and the plantation will be gradually enlarged, as the market is certain and the product will bring good prices.

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